

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re patent application of

William G. DENNIS, *et al.*

Docket No. **2045532-5005C5**

Application No.: 10/788,733

Group Art Unit: 3767

Filed: February 27, 2004

Examiner: Catherine WITCZAK

Confirmation No.: 6097

For: **SURGICAL INSTRUMENT SEAL ASSEMBLY**

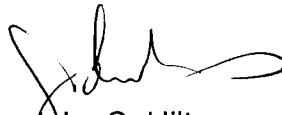
United States Patent and Trademark Office  
Customer Service Window  
Randolph Building  
401 Dulany Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314

**POWER OF ATTORNEY STATUS INQUIRY**

Sir:

Please provide the undersigned with a current status regarding the above-identified patent application. An updated Power of Attorney by Assignee (Copy Attached) was filed on February 8, 2008, and to date, applicant has not received the Updated Official Filing Receipt.

Respectfully submitted,



John S. Hilten  
Reg. No. 52,518

**Date: July 18, 2008**

**McGuireWoods LLP**  
1750 Tysons Boulevard  
Suite 1800  
McLean, VA 22102-4215  
Tel: 703-712-5069  
Fax: 703-712-5196  
JSH/slc  
\\6414874